

Culture Camp. . .

Teaching the old ways to the young



"If you have anything to do, do it now, not after while" insists Linton Winishut speaking at the opening of this year's Indian culture camp.

For six weeks children of the community learn traditional Indian crafts and skills. They're learning these things now, before that knowledge is lost forever.

To keep crafts, skills and traditions alive they must be learned and practiced. Those who are skilled in certain areas must teach the young what they know.

Culture camp concentrates on the teaching of the young. A child can learn how to tie a fishing net, tan a hide, make moccasins, tell a story or say "Thank-you" in Indian

language. Without the camp some children might never learn these things.

The young and the old working together is essentially the Indian way of passing knowledge. Along with learning to think and create the child is able to learn some of the social aspects of working together including respect for one another, listening and helping one another.

An open house will be held July 28 at the Agency longhouse where the children will prepare a meal and display their completed projects. Part of learning is being recognized for their achievements. Community members are invited to join the children at this event.



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